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# Volunteerism

Helping students find their passion for helping others  
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*Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.*

*-Erma Bombeck*

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Hurricane Katrina took a devastating toll on the Gulf of Mexico coast in 2005. Western Kentucky students showed their compassion when they worked during their fall break to help the victims in cleaning up the damage.





STUDENT VOLUNTEER BUREAU  
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY



*TO LEAD IS TO SERVE*

Engaging students in meaningful and purpose driven activity is the cornerstone of the Student Volunteer Bureau's philosophy.



*"It is our collective and individual responsibility to protect and nurture the global family, to support its weaker members and to preserve and tend to the environment in which we all live."*

*- The Dalai Lama*

The Student Volunteer Bureau, more commonly known as SVB, is a student organization that connects students to community service and volunteer opportunities in the Bowling Green and Warren County area.

Bi-monthly meetings are held for members to learn about volunteer opportunities on campus and throughout the community. Additionally, SVB sponsors various philanthropic events across campus as well as monthly drives, dedicating each month to a different cause. However, the most important role of the Student Volunteer Bureau is that it encourages members to discover his or her passion and to find their niche in the community.



"I got involved with the Student Volunteer Bureau because I always liked to volunteer but didn't know where to go. This organization has helped me get more involved as well as getting other students involved on campus, here in Bowling Green, and at home."

-Joshua Moore  
Franklin, KY





# VOLUNTEER DRIVES

Each month the Student Volunteer Bureau organizes a drive for a charitable organization in the Warren County area. Examples are listed below, but please note that the beneficiaries may change based on need.

Can Food Drive - American Red Cross

Coat Drive - Coats for Kids & Salvation Army

Adopt-A-Family - Bowling Green Housing Authority

Cards for Kids - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Blood Drive - American Red Cross

Supply Drive - Bowling Green Warren County Humane Society

Students are encouraged to participate and can donate needed items by taking donations to the drop boxes outside of the Student Activities Office in the Downing University Center.







# Up 'til Dawn

Up 'til Dawn is a college fundraising event in which all efforts benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Students, faculty, and staff work to raise money throughout the fall semester through a letter writing campaign and other fundraising events. At the final event, which takes place in the Preston Health and Activities Center, all those who raised money stay up all night, with the notion that cancer never sleeps. Bands, blow-up games, movies, food, and many other activities are provided to keep people awake and energized.



"St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a wonderful institution and after my first year as a participant in Up 'til Dawn, I knew I wanted to get more involved and help out as much as possible for the kids!"

- Lizzy White  
Nashville, TN



# Patient Story

## Macy Jean Morgan 20 months old



### Diagnosis:

Macy was discovered to have a cancer called Wilms tumor in September 2005. Wilms tumor is a tumor that affects the kidneys.

### Macy's Story:

What started as a quick run to the pediatrician for Macy's runny nose soon became something more. The doctor asked Macy's mother, Carrie, to remove the little girl's clothes. That's when something caught her eye. "I started feeling the side of her tummy, and I felt a big knot." After feeling the same knot that Carrie felt, the doctor ordered an x-ray-which didn't reveal anything out of the ordinary-and a CAT scan, which revealed a large mass on Macy's right kidney. Carrie didn't know what to do. She didn't know where to take Macy to be treated for the cancer. All she could do was tell the nurse that she wanted Macy to go to the best place possible. With that, Macy's pediatrician referred the little girl to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Meanwhile, Macy's father, who serves in the National Guard, was awaiting deployment to Kuwait. But just hours before

his plane was scheduled to depart, he received word of his daughter's illness. Instead of flying to the Middle East, he flew home just in time to drive his family to St. Jude.

### At St. Jude:

Surgeons removed the tumor and Macy's right kidney. Doctors also discovered that the cancer had spread to Macy's lungs. Consequently, Macy received six months of chemotherapy followed by radiation. By April 2006, Macy had nearly completed her protocol. She returned to St. Jude to have her central line removed. But her checkup revealed a new spot on her lung. Further testing showed that the spot was malignant, forcing Macy to start her battle all over again. "St. Jude is our family now," Carrie said. "When we first got here, we were devastated and really sad. But St. Jude lifts you up and gives you hope. I can't imagine being anywhere else." Macy has been nominated to receive the Young Heroes Award from the Missouri Air National Guard. The award seeks to bolster the hope and courage of young children with life-threatening illnesses or injuries and to lend support to their families.





United Way  
of Southern Kentucky

United  
Way



## United Way Penny War

Faculty and staff at Western Kentucky University participate in the annual United Way fundraising campaign. The United Way helps thousands of people every day with a mission, "To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities." The United Way Penny War will take place each fall semester during the university campaign.



"Involvement in the United Way Penny War gave my organization the opportunity to raise money and give back to the community. The experience was not only rewarding, but it was fun too."

- Paul Newton  
Galena, IL





# Relay for Life



The American Cancer Society has many activities that raise money for cancer research, and Relay for Life is one of their signature events. Each spring, WKU holds a Relay for Life on campus. Teams participate in this twelve hour event to celebrate the money raised throughout the spring semester. This event is a great way for students, faculty, and staff to come together for a wonderful cause.

"Relay for Life gives each participant a feeling of achievement because you are helping to win this battle by donating your time or money. It gives you a first hand look at the amount of effort and money needed to conquer our battle against cancer. The more people that become involved with this fight, the faster we can find the antidote to destroy this disease."

- Faith Hood  
Frankfort, KY



- The American Cancer Society funds 32 grants in the Mid-South Division that totals \$14,752,500.

- 16.5 million people visit the American Cancer Society website per year.

"By 2015, the American Cancer Society aims to prevent almost five million additional deaths from cancer, avoid six million new cancer diagnoses, and measurably improve the quality of life for those with the disease."

\*Facts provided by the American Cancer Society.







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